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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the following information cited in International Application No. PCT/NL96/00323 and/or the International Search Report and its Annex, the International Preliminary Examination Report, the Written Opinion and/or Letter in response to Written Opinion, in connection with the International Application, and enclosed copies of these documents with the documents submitted for entry into the U.S. National Stage on February 13, 1998, so that the Examiner can see the relevance attributed to the documents during the international examination:

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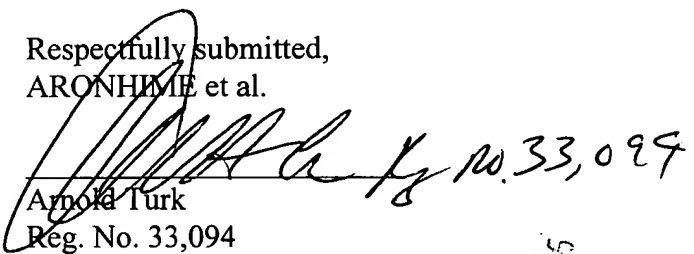
Patent Abstracts of Japan, Vol. 012, No. 185 (P-710), May 1988

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Copies of the above-noted documents, except for the documents noted above which were filed with the application, are enclosed together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents in conjunction with the International Application documents noted above, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this matter, the undersigned may be contacted at the below-listed telephone number.

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